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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/657,068

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth M. Buckland  
Serial No.: 09/657,068  
Filed: September 7, 2000  
Group No.: 2475  
Examiner: Robert W. Wilson  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: March 2, 2012  
Confirmation No.: 1585  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING TRAFFIC IN AN  
ACCESS NETWORK

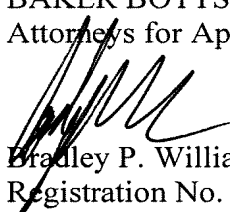
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1, 3-7, 9-15, 26, 28-33 and 40. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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